

REMARKS


The claims have now been reviewed and amended to conform with U.S. practice. The specification has been amended to provide headings to conform with U.S. practice. The abstract has also been amended. No new matter has been added.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed wherewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 30071/41842. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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